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Application Serial No. 09/840,095) Group Art Unit: 1733
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TIRES FOR VEHICLE WHEELS)

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement ("SIDS") is being filed after the events recited in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final Action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113, an *ex parte* Quayle Action, or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this SIDS is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

Applicants would like to point out to the Examiner the following three pending patent applications that may be related to the present application:

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(1) U.S. patent application No. 09/873,330, filed June 5, 2001 (corresponding to U.S. patent application publication No. US-2001-0023737-A1);

(2) U.S. patent application No. 09/970,221, filed October 2, 2001 (corresponding to U.S. patent application publication No. US-2002-0011297-A1); and

(3) U.S. patent application No. 09/983,671, filed October 25, 2001 (corresponding to U.S. patent application publication No. US-2002-0056498-A1).

Additionally, Applicants would like to point out to the Examiner the following two patents that may be related to the present application:

(1) U.S. Patent No. 6,318,432, issued November 20, 2001; and

(2) U.S. Patent No. 6,328,084, issued December 11, 2001.

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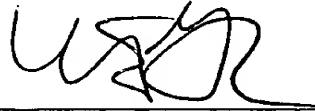
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